

**Summary of “Building a Better Teacher” by Elizabeth Green (*New York Times*, March 7, 2010)**

- To boost student performance, must improve the quality of teachers, both veterans and new-to-the-profession. Teachers need better training, although there is no clear definition of what makes a good teacher.
- The work of the teacher needs to be emphasized in teacher preparation programs, including more emphasis on classroom management. Teachers must be in control of their classrooms.
- Teachers must be experts in content and also know how 30 different minds might understand (or misunderstand) the content—Knowledge for Teaching. Content and mechanics must go hand in hand.
- By figuring out what makes the great teachers great, and passing that on to the average teachers, student achievement gains would close the achievement gap, even internationally, in a very short time.
- Teach Like a Champion: The 49 Techniques That Put Students on the Path to College  
by Doug Lemov—April, 2010.